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ANNUAL DIVISION OF CORRECTION TORCH RUN, WALK, AND TUG OF WAR FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS IS TUESDAY, MAY 17

Events will raise thousands for charity

TOWSON, MD (May 12, 2005)--- Once again, dedicated correctional officers and other public safety employees will raise thousands for Special Olympics Maryland during the colorful Division of Correction Torch Run, Walk, and Tug of War for Special Olympics on Tuesday, May 17. This event draws hundreds of correctional officers and law enforcers from across the state, and is a major annual fundraiser for Special Olympics Maryland. Since 1993, dedicated correctional officers and other DPSCS employees have raised more than \$202,000 for Special Olympics.

Runners will carry the Special Olympics torch from the Howard County Detention Center to the Jessup prison complex, pausing for a special ceremony with the students at Jessup Elementary School on Maryland route 175. The runners then make their way to the Jessup range, off Toulson Road, where they'll hand over the "Flame of Hope" to walkers, who will finish the trip around the prison complex.

Then comes the Tug of War, which is just that: an actual rope pulling competition consisting of teams from many Division of Correction prisons, other DPSCS facilities, and police and law enforcement agencies from across Maryland.

Schedule

8:00 a.m. Runners depart Howard County Det'n Center, heading east on 175.
8:15 a.m. Special ceremony for runners with the kids at Jessup Elem. School.
8:30 a.m. Tug of War teams officially weighed-in at the Jessup range, using a special scale on loan from the State Dept. of Agriculture.
11:00 a.m. Tug of War begins; awards ceremony follows.

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